

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

May 30, 2013

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal

Board Vacancies: Two Public Members
One Fire Marshal

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Board Secretary
Richard Maloney, Director

Dept. of Consumer Protection Legal Staff: Anthony Santoro, Esq.

CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep: Tammie Whiting

Public Present: None

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2013 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with an amendment to page 3 under “Old Business”, which was the addition of the word “systems” to the following sentence, “The Board continues to maintain that state statute requires an F-1 or F-2 license to install residential sprinkler systems.”

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

David Koerner, Neenah, WI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Koerner for the F-2 exam.

Scott Horton, Eau Claire, WI – (F-2) – Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Horton for the F-2 exam.

Troy Spath, East Hampton, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson - Denied

The Board denied due to lack of apprenticeship completion letter, notarized employer statements including dates and duties of employment, and proof of required amount of hours of related instruction for this license type.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fire & Life Safety: Getting Homebuilders on Board with Home Fire-Sprinklers**
The Board continues to maintain that state statute requires an F-1 or F-2 license to install residential sprinkler systems.
- **Media Release – CT Labor Dept. Issues Stop Work Orders At Trinity College Construction Site in Hartford, April 25, 2013**
Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices, appeared before the Board to report to the Board the findings regarding this Stop Work Order, especially as it pertains to Covenant Fire Sprinkler and the possibility of unlicensed workers and permit holders. Director Maloney stated that he has not yet confirmed whether or not there were unlicensed workers on this job site. He is in contact with the Department of Labor and they will be supplying Director Maloney with their report once it is completed. At that time, the Trade Practices Division will open a

case file in order to further investigate the matter and impose any possible civil or criminal penalties or initiate hearings.

In the past year, there has only been one complaint in the area of fire protection, and that complaint is still open at this time. There have been no violations.

It was noted that there was a recent job posting for a consumer protection inspector. The Board is concerned that this posting does not include the fire protection license holder position. Director Maloney confirmed that this was an error and that a fire protection tradesman or contractor can apply for this position.

Director Richard Maloney also confirmed that complaints can be made by persons other than the consumer.

- **Achieving Proper Enforcement for Occupational Trade Licenses Meeting
May 7, 2013**

Chairperson David Waskowicz attended this meeting, as well as representatives from other boards. At this meeting, a proposal was drafted to form a task force in order to achieve proper enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Massachusetts Dept. of Public Safety Memorandum dated May 1, 2013: Policy Statement Relating to the Installation of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 13D Multi-purpose Piping Sprinkler Systems**
The Board discussed this ongoing issue of what type of license(s) should be required to install these multi-purpose piping sprinkler systems. The Board will continue to monitor and clarify questions regarding licensing requirements for these for these systems.
- **Consumer Statement/Complaint Form**
The Board so noted
- **Current list of number of active licensees for occupational trades**
The Board so noted
- **Media Release – CT Labor Dept. Issues Stop Work Orders To 29 Companies at Statewide Construction Sites – May 22, 2012**
The Board so noted

- **Letter from the Office of the Governor notifying the Board of newly appointed member Edward Peznowski**
The Board so noted

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

There were no closed complaints to be reviewed by the Board this month.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117

Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule:

- **July 25 – Thursday**
- **August 22 – Thursday**
- **September 19 – Thursday**
- **October 17 – Thursday**
- **November 14 – Thursday**
- **December 12 – Thursday**

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT